Extension of Electrification in South Central Railway

4003. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent electrification has been extended in South Central Railway in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether further work in electrification will be done during the remaining period of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any precautions are being taken by South Central Railway to avoid problems when power supply fails;

(d) whether it is a fact that backup system has been prepared to avoid repetition of the consequences of power failure in June, 1994; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 69 route kilometre have been electrified so far during VIII Plan.

(b) 375 route kilometre are planned for electrification.

(c) In the event of failure of power supply to any one Traction Substation, arrangements exist to extend the power supply from adjacent Traction Substation.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Introduction of Air brake Coaches

4004. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY : Will the Minister RAILWAYS of be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that South Central Railway have introduced Air Brake Coaches to enhance safety in 1993-94 and the current year;

(b) if so, how many such coaches were introduced in 1993-94;

(c) what other safety measures have been introduced; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Prescribed schedules of maintenance are being monitored in the Maintenance Depots during primary/ secondary maintenance.

Running of New Trains

4005. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have introduced 336 new trains including Rajdhanis and Shatabdis;

(b) if so, how many Rajdhanis and Shatabdis were introduced in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. During 1991-92 to 1994-95 (Upto 26.6.1994).

(b) and (c). 2429/2430 Hazrat Nizamuddin Secunderabad Bangalore Rajdhani Express and 2431/2432 Hazrat NizamuddinTrivandrum Rajdhani Express serve Andhra Pradesh also.

Bungling in Railway Reservations

4006. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the press report published in the "Janasatta' of May 27, 1994 alleging bungling of crores of rupees in Railway reservations and the difficulties faced by public in April, May 1994; if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether Government are aware of the activities of the tours in the New Delhi Railway reservation office as well as other metropolitan towns and if so, what effective steps have been taken over the years to ban their activities;

(c) whether Government are aware that the change of the token system has caused much inconvenience and whether representations have been made to restore the same and with what results; and